



STATE OF NEVADA
Department of Administration
Division of Human Resource Management

CLASS SPECIFICATION

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>EEO-4</u>	<u>CODE</u>
LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT	29	E	10.624

Under the direction of a Licensed Physical Therapist, assist in developing and providing care and services to preserve, improve, and restore physical function to patients who have impairments, functional limitations, disabilities or changes in physical function and health status resulting from injury, disease or other causes.

Review patient medical history, examination results, and vocational possibilities to assist licensed therapists in formulating an individual treatment plan that defines the appropriate treatment modality and considers patients' capabilities and needs.

Administer individual treatment plans by employing various combinations of therapeutic exercise, massage, mobilization of joints, and selective utilization of mechanical modalities; assess patients' performance by observation, documentation, and testing in order to maintain a written record of patients' progress or problems; and complete timely medical reports to treatment team staff, insurance companies and physicians.

Assess treatment progress by comparing and analyzing subjective and objective data with initial evaluation data and the Minimum Data Set (MDS) in order to note changes in patients' symptoms or conditions and make recommendations for modification of treatment programs as needed to accommodate patients' progress or changes; recommend modifications in the treatment program and report accidents and emergencies according to established policies and procedures.

Maintain current certification and department continuing education requirements by attending seminars and in-service training in order to maintain and upgrade knowledge of the latest physical therapy techniques and devices; report to the physical therapy department staff new concepts and innovations learned at training sessions in order to share state-of-the-art information.

Perform related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Current licensure by the State of Nevada as a Physical Therapist Assistant is required at the time of application and throughout employment.

ENTRY LEVEL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (required at time of application):

Working knowledge of: musculoskeletal anatomy; principles of kinesiology; observation and measurement principles and procedures; therapeutic principles and procedures for cardiopulmonary, musculoskeletal, and neuromuscular pathologies; pathophysiology; orthotic and prosthetic considerations in patient care. **Ability to:** administer physical therapy to improve posture, strength, range of motion, gait, and joint mobilization as directed by professional staff; grade functional activities; establish and maintain effective working relationships with patients and individuals in various treatment disciplines; implement modality modifications to accommodate patient disabilities; assist licensed therapists in developing treatment programs.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (typically acquired on the job):

Knowledge of: therapeutic devices and physical therapy equipment including equipment cleaning and maintenance. **Ability to:** apply therapeutic techniques/methods including inhibitive and facilitative techniques; operate a computer and utilize computer terminology for evaluation and treatment; assist patients and family

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (cont'd)

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (cont'd)

members in treatment techniques; read and comprehend technical, legal and scientific documents; write effective technical documents, data and reports; use orthotic/prosthetic components and evaluate the quality of equipment; make necessary adjustments to orthotic and prosthetic components.

This class specification is used for classification, recruitment and examination purposes. It is not to be considered a substitute for work performance standards for positions assigned to this class.

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